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Repercussions of Recent Defections

1. An order signed by the Chief of the Seepolizei was read to all officers at Parcw, in which it was clearly stated that anyone defecting or deserting to the West would have to recken with the severest punishment of his relatives.

Parow

2. a. Establishment

In the month of May, 1953, the total strength of the School at Parow rose to 2,300 men, who now occupy all available accommodations. These circumstances arose because all personnel selected for coastal artillery duties are now being accommodated at Parow, instead of Kuehlungsborn, which now needs all available space for the new recruits for the naval infantry.

b. <u>Instruction</u>

(i) Weapons

Theoretical and practical instruction is taking place in Parow of one course of 200, and another of about 300-350 men, in 8.8 cm AA and 15 cm guns.

(ii) Astro-Navigation - Officers

Training of efficers in astro-mavigation is being carried out with an old German naval "Hohenrechenschieber", which enables the user to calculate the star sight quicker than by the tables at present employed.

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Coastal Defence

According to an officer of the School at Parow, along the whole East German coast AA positions and coastal defence batteries will be set up.

a. AA Positions

The AA positions will probably be in the following places:

- (i) One battery between Sassnitz and Stubbenkammer
- (ii) One battery between Lohne and Arkona
- (iii) One battery at Arkona
- (fw) One battery on the island of Hiddensee, near the lighthouse Dormbusch
- (v) One battery near Barhoeft

The other batteries will be near the signal stations of the Seepolizei.

b. <u>Coastal Artillery</u>

The coastal artillary positions are uncertain, as at present the delivery of the type of gun required is undecided.

Degaussing Range

4. All craft of the School at Parcw are only partially operational as the degaussing range at Peenemuende has been put out of action, and the boats can only exercise from the Greifswalder Bodden to the island of Hiddensee. All craft must be degaussed again before they can use their normal training grounds.

Hydrograpky

5. New special charts, scale 1: 10,000, of the Tromperwick and the Greifswalder Bodden, and a new pilotage handbook of the coast of the DDR, have been issued by the Seehydrographischer Dienst for Seepolizei use only.

"L.4" & "L.8"

6. These two boats are former German Navel torpedo recovery vessels which were repaired in the Feens Werft, Wolgast. They are equipped with two Buckau-Wolf diesel engines and attain a speed of 13.5 knots. They are armed with 2 cm AA guns, one forward and one aft, for shooting at mines. Originally fitted with a type of "Unifoxer" gear, they now earny "Scherdrachegeraet", and are used exclusively for training purposes.

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